

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 98-269-C - ORDER NO. 98-428

JUNE 10, 1998

IN RE: Request of AT&T Communications of the) ORDER SETTING
Southern States, Inc. for Revisions to its) MATTER FOR HEARING
General Services Tariff and Custom Network) AND PREFILE DATES
Services Tariff to Establish a 1.8% Universal)
Connectivity Charge for AT&T Consumer)
Service Offerings in South Carolina.)

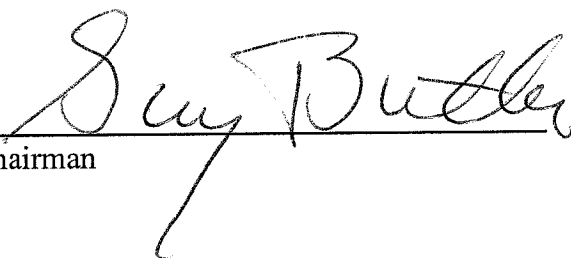
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on AT&T Communications of the Southern States' (AT&T's) proposed revision of its General Services Tariff and Custom Network Services Tariff to establish a 1.8% Universal Connectivity Charge for AT&T Consumer service offerings in South Carolina. According to AT&T, this is a compliance filing which will enable AT&T to recover some of the expenses associated with their contribution to the Universal Service Fund as ordered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in the May 8, 1997 Report and Order in the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service implementing Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. AT&T states that the assessed Universal Connectivity Charge based on intrastate usage will contribute solely toward schools, libraries, and a rural health care fund established by the FCC Order.

We have examined this matter and have determined that a hearing would be helpful in elucidating the answers to various questions raised about the proposal. Therefore, a hearing shall be held in this matter on **August 13, 1998 at 10:30 AM** in the offices of the Commission.

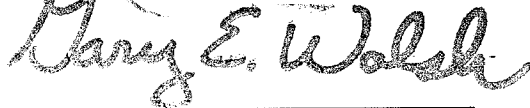
Accordingly, pursuant to our Regulations, we hereby order that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of AT&T shall be prefiled on or before **July 16, 1998**, and that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of all other parties, including the Commission Staff, shall be prefiled on or before **July 30, 1998**. In addition, parties shall serve their prefiled testimony and exhibits on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

Please take notice that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:



Deputy Executive Director

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